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SUBJECT: VISIT OF VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE: DRAFT REMARKS

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1. FOLLOWING DRAFT REMARKS ARE FOR CONSIDERATION FOR POSSIBLE  
USE BY VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE ON OCCASION OF JOINT BATAAN-DAY-  
CORREGIDOR DAY COMMEMORATION CORREGIDOR ISLAND, MAY 3.

2. QUOTE MAY WE PROVE WORTHY  
PRESIDENT MARCOS, GOVERNOR MARCOS, AMBASSADOR AND MRS.  
MIKANAGI, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

I AM PRIVILEGED TO HAVE THE HONOR TODAY TO SPEAK FOR MY  
FELLOW AMERICAN CITIZENS.

-- IN THE PHILIPPINES AND

-- IN THE UNITED STATES,  
WHO REMEMBER THIS ROCK, CALLED CORREGIDOR;  
AND THE PENINSULA POINTED AT IT, CALLED BATAAN.

ONCE AGAIN FILIPINOS, JAPANESE AND AMERICANS MEET ON THIS  
GROUND; 'NO SOIL ON EARTH HAS BEEN MORE DEARLY CONSECRATED';  
HALLOWED WITH THAT OF MOUNT SAMAT, WHERE THIRTY-SIX YEARS  
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AGO WE STRUGGLED AND SUFFERED MUCH.  
WHERE MANY DIED.  
AND WHENCE THE REST WENT THEIR SEPARATE WAYS INTO  
-- THE PRISON CAMPS,  
-- THE GUERRILLA STRUGGLE,  
-- THE ENDLESS BATTLES;  
SUFFERING AND DYING THROUGH THE YEARS OF WORLD WAR II.

FINALLY THERE WAS PEACE AGAIN -- IN THE PHILIPPINES,  
JAPAN AND AMERICA. MANY OF YOU RECALL THAT DAY. HOW WE  
CHEERED, AND CRIED REMEMBERING OUR DEAD, HOW THE SURVIVORS  
PICKED UP THE PIECES OF THEIR BROKEN LIVES AND BEGAN THE  
GREAT TASKS OF RELIEF, OF RECONSTRUCTION, OF BINDING UP  
THE WOUNDS OF WAR. WE REMEMBER REACHING OUT AND HELPING  
ONE ANOTHER.

NOW WE CAN STAND TALL ON THE SHOULDERS OF OUR COLLECTIVE  
PAST, THE BETTER TO REACH CREATIVELY FOR GREATER ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT, SOCIAL PROGRESS AND HUMAN EXPRESSION.

WE HAVE COME A LONG WAY OVER THESE THIRTY-ODD YEARS  
--EACH BY OUR OWN EFFORTS, AND  
--TOGETHER BY SHARING.

WE OWE MUCH TO THAT GENERATION THAT DEFENDED AND REVIVED  
OUR WORLD. BUT THERE ARE OTHER GENERATIONS SINCE; AND MOST  
OF OUR FELLOW COUNTRYMEN HAVE BEEN BORN SUBSEQUENT TO THE  
EVENTS WE ARE GATHERED TO COMMEMORATE.  
THUS, WE HAVE A DUAL RESPONSIBILITY, TO THE PAST  
AND TO THE FUTURE. IT IS RIGHT THAT WE SHOULD RECALL  
WITH RESPECT OUR HISTORY OF COMMON SACRIFICE AND ACHIEVE-  
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-- THE HEROIC PHILIPPINE-AMERICAN RESISTANCE ON  
BATAAN AND CORREGIDOR;

-- THE HAUNTING WORDS OF GENERAL WAINRIGHT FROM THIS  
PLACE;

-- THE BITTER TASTE OF DEFEAT;

-- THE COSTLY VICTORY.

YES, IT IS RIGHT, AND GOOD, AND OUR BOUNDEN DUTY TO  
REMEMBER.

WE DO SO TODAY

IN THIS JOINT BATAAN DAY-CORREGIDOR DAY COMMEMORATION,  
WITH OUR FLOWERS AND HONORS,  
IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS.

WHILE COMMEMORATING THE VALOR AND SACRIFICES OF THOSE  
WHO FOUGHT AND DIED DURING THE EPIC STRUGGLE HERE:

--WE NEED NOT RELY EXCESSIVELY OR EXCLUSIVELY UPON  
FADING MEMORIES, AND

-- WE OUGHT NOT TO PERMIT THE PAST TO INHIBIT THE  
TRANSCENDING SIGNIFICANCE OF THAT STRUGGLE FOR THE FUTURE

OF OUR NATIONS.  
FOR AS OUR HISTORIES ARE INTERTWINED, SO ARE OUR  
DESTINIES.

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THE PHILIPPINES, JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES

-- HAVE ABIDING MUTUAL INTERESTS TO NUTURE;

-- HAVE INTERFACING NETWORKS OF EXPECTATIONS AND  
OBLIGATIONS TO MEET;

-- HAVE MUCH TO SHARE THROUGH CONSULTATION, LIVELY  
EXCHANGE OF OPINION, ATTENTIVE LISTENING AND COLLECTIVE  
APPRAISAL.

IN EACH OTHER'S COUNTRIES WE LOOM LARGE AND ARE  
RATHER TEMPTING TARGETS. THERE IS NEED FOR RESTRAINT  
AND FOR GENIUNE CONCERN FOR ONE ANTOHER.

WE ARE ALSO MAJOR COUNTRIES OF REFERENCE FOR EACH  
OTHER. AMONG OURSELVES THERE IS AN INTERDEPENDENCE NOT  
ONLY ECONOMIC IN CHARACTER.

WE WILL NEED MUCH CULTURAL SENSITIVITY, ANALYTICAL  
PERCEPTION AND HUMAN EMPATHY IF WE ARE TO COPE EFFECTIVELY  
WITH OUR COMMON HISTORIES, OUR MUTUAL RELATIONS, AND OUR  
COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OVER THE NEXT THIRTY-SIX YEARS.

THERE IS GUIDANCE AND WISDOM IN OUR PAST. BATAAN AND  
CORREGIDOR ARE MORE THAN PLACES ON A MAP. BATAAN AND  
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CORREGIDOR ARE SITES OF HISTORIC IMPORT FOR EACH OF OUR COUNTRIES.

TODAY:

-- BATAAN AND CORREGIDOR ADMONISH US NEVER TO LET THE IDEAL OF PEACE OUT OF SIGHT, AND

-- BATAAN AND CORREGIDOR REMIND US THAT THE OPPONENT OF THIRTY-SIX YEARS AGO IS THE COLLEAGUE OF TODAY WHO HAS JOINED AND STRENGTHENED US IN FRIENDSHIP.

MAY THE TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCES OF CORREGIDOR AND BATAAN ENDUE US WITH THE WILL AND THE SPIRIT TO WORK TOGETHER IN MUTUAL RESPECT, AND LEAD US TO SHARE AND SOLVE COMMON PROBLEMS WITH MUTUAL BENEFIT.

EVERY YEAR GROUPS OF AMERICAN SCOUTS, I AM TOLD, RETRACE THE WEARY FOOTSTEPS OF THE 70,000 (?) PHILIPPINE AND AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR WHO THROUGH FIVE LONG DAYS IN APRIL 1942 TRUDGED THEIR PAINFUL WAY FROM BATAAN TO SAN FERNANDO AND THENCE TO THE PRISONER-OF-WAR CAMP AT CAPAS ABOUT SIXTY MILES NORTH FROM CORREGIDOR.

LAST YEAR EACH OF EIGHTY-ONE GIRL SCOUTS ON THE COMMEMORATIVE MARCH WAS ASKED: 'WHY ARE YOU HERE; WHY ARE YOU MARCHING?' AT FIRST THE GIRLS GAVE STOCK ANSWERS SUCH AS:

-- 'MY OLDER SISTER DID IT.'; OR

-- 'I TRIED LAST YEAR AND DIDN'T MAKE IT.'; OR

--MBY BROTHER MARCHED WITH THE BOY SCOUTS, SO I WANTED TO MARCH TOO.'

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BUT AS THE WEEK WORE ON THE EMPHASIS CHANGED. AND IN THE END THE GIRL SCOUTS COMMENTED, 'WE REALLY OWE THEM SOMETHING, DON'T WE.' YES, WE REALLY OWN THEM SOMETHING. MAY WE PROVE WORTHY. UNQUOTE.  
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